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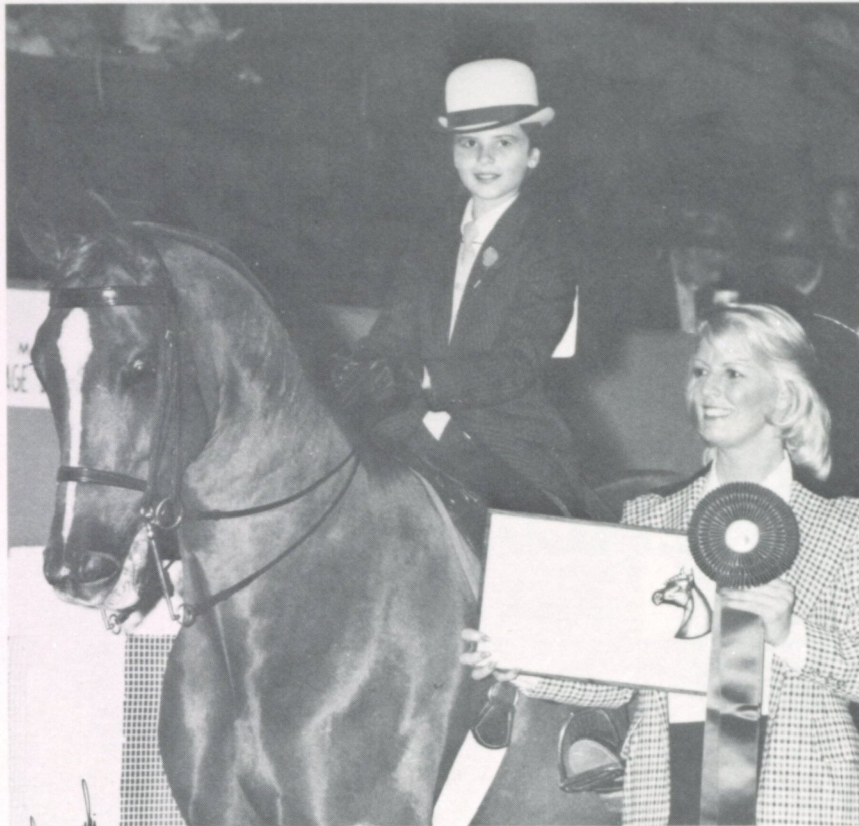
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HOBART... A PLACE FOR LIVING THE GOOD LIFE.

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## THE FRIENDLY CITY



**B**eautiful Lake George occupies 287 acres in the heart of Hobart, its miles of meandering shoreline the site of attractive homes and wooded parklands. Extending close to the downtown business district, the lake offers a summertime respite, a place for relaxing after shop-

ping, a spot where wild ducks waddle at your feet and bob upon the water.

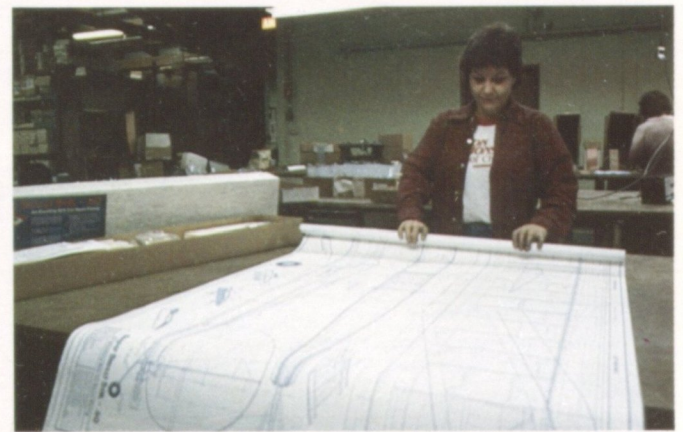
Hobart is a city of homes. Ninety percent of residences are owner occupied. Housing ranges from small, well-kept cottages to sprawling contemporary ranch homes set on full acre, tree-filled lots. Large, attractive apartment complexes are clustered in one area of the city, providing pleasant, roomy units at

moderate rents.

Hobart is a city for families. It has excellent elementary and high school systems and fine school facilities at all levels. Near the city are many opportunities for continued education, either in technical schools or in colleges and universities.

The city is also for recreation, with 13 parks covering 143 acres, several heav-





ily wooded and three situated along the shores of Lake George.

Hobart is a place for shopping, with a thriving, traditional downtown retail center, as well as large and small shopping centers spotted throughout the community. It is also a place for working, with a growing list of clean, light industries, some with products known throughout the world.

But, most of all, Hobart is a place for living the good life, away from the hustle and bustle of metropolitan congestion, yet near enough to enjoy its cultural values.

Hobart is a friendly city. Its doors are open in warm welcome. A smile awaits.

Opposite page: Majestic sunset over Lake George  
Clockwise from above: I-65 exit to Hobart; Day care facilities for the very young; Old Mill in Deep River City Park; Beautiful homesites are a hallmark of Hobart; Midwest Products Company



EACH HOUSE BLOSSOMS WITH OWNER PRIDE AND CARE.

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## HOMES NEAR TO NATURE



**T**he natural beauty of Northern Indiana is almost everywhere close to Hobart's residential areas. As a result, great numbers of homes look out onto the cool waters of Lake George, over bordering farm and woodland, or into tree-filled ravines.

Still, about 75 per cent of the city's 8,182 residences are valued at under \$60,000, making affordability an important characteristic of Hobart housing.

Among the most sought-after areas for living is a narrow peninsula created by the curving lake, directly across from Downtown Hobart. Here are located well-kept older homes which enjoy the luxury of lake views and close proximity to downtown shopping.

Several newer development areas offer great appeal, some with moderately priced homes, and others, such as Greenwood Terrace, with homes ranging in price to \$225,000 or more.

For young couples and those who







have forsaken home ownership for a freer existence, the city has several large and beautiful apartment complexes, with rents anywhere from \$325 to \$400 per month.

However, 90 per cent of the homes of Hobart are owner-occupied. Everywhere throughout the community, whether in the areas of highest price or in those where homes are more modest, each house blossoms with owner pride and care.

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## GREAT LOCATION

**H**obart's position in Northwest Indiana gives it easy access to a variety of transportation modes and to the resources of larger metropolitan areas.

Interstate 80-94 is about two minutes north of the city. I-65 cuts north and south through Hobart's west side. State Route 51 bisects the community and U.S. 6 skirts its northern limits. U.S. 30 is five minutes south of town and State Route 130 originates at the eastern edge of the city, heading southeast.

The city is served by Amtrak passenger service from a small, modern waiting station in Pennsy Park, site of the town's old railroad station. The Hobart Historical Society has developed a program for restoration of the old station as a local landmark.

Charter air service is available at a small airport just north of the city. The facility has a 3,100-ft. paved runway for private aircraft. Larger Gary Municipal Airport is only four miles away and Porter County Airport is a short 16 miles from the community. Chicago's O'Hare International Airport is about an hour's drive from Hobart. Bus transportation to O'Hare is provided regularly throughout the day.

Twelve motor freight lines serve the city's business and industry, providing service to the area, state, and nation. Norfolk and Western Railroad, Penn Central Railroad, and E J & E Railroad also provide freight service.



Top: Aerial view of Hobart



# YESTERYEAR

## BY 1872, HOBART BECAME PROMINENT FOR ITS THRIVING CLAY INDUSTRY

Once the home of the Pottawatomí Indians — heavily timbered, bordered by prairie lands, watered by a deep river and several tributary creeks — the Hobart area attracted squatters and would-be settlers fifteen or twenty years before it was surveyed and platted as a town by George Earle with official filing dated May 3, 1849.

There was Lew Hammond's inn, a trading post, a one-room school, a saw mill, and a number of residences when George Earle became interested in developing the area and erected a grist mill, damming the river to form a millpond. He named the embryo town for a brother, Frederick Hobart Earle, his business manager in their native England. Earle had moved the post office

from Liverpool, to Hobart May 26, 1847, before the grist mill, nucleus about which the town began to grow, was opened for trade December 1, 1847.

Hobart in the late 1840's was a stopping point for stage coach lines traveling to Chicago. Just a decade later the town carried the distinction of being the railroad center in Lake County. The federal census in 1850 showed a population of 240 persons from 48 family groups. By 1870 Hobart was a thriving community with a large grist mill, four dry goods stores, a hardware store, a drugstore, furniture store, two blacksmith shops, an outlet for agricultural implements, a wagon shop, shoe store, three shoemaker shops, a harness shop, a cooper's shop, and a bakery.

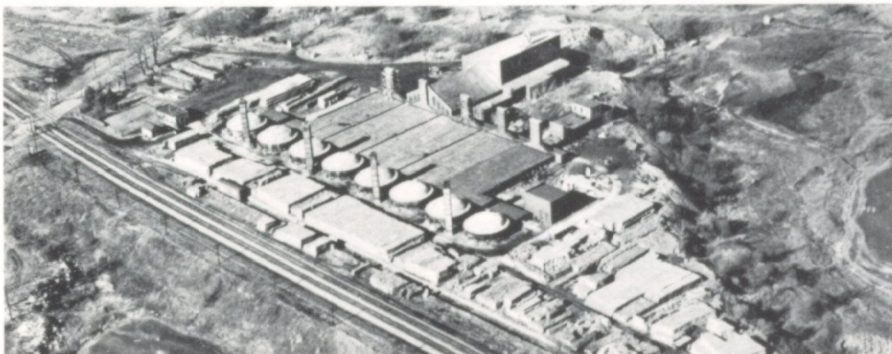
Primarily a lumbering and farming community, with the opening of a brick yard by James Guyer in 1872, Hobart came into prominence as the site of a thriving clay industry. At one time the National Fireproofing Company (outgrowth of Guyer's company) produced 800,000 bricks a year as well as terra cotta building material and various tiles. The "Brickies", Hobart High School's football team, takes its name from this now historic industry.

Hobart was incorporated as a town in 1889 with William B. Owen the first president of the town board. The Town of Hobart became a city November 22, 1921, and Sherman Henderson was elected mayor.

Although the character of Hobart has changed from a self-sufficient, bustling small city serving a farming area to a slower paced community, the pride in what it has accomplished and can accomplish is evident.



Left: Statue commemorating the World War I veterans  
Below: Old brick yard



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HOBART HOSTS AN IMPRESSIVE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

## STRONG IN EDUCATION



**F**rom its first established school in 1845 to today's impressive educational system, the people of Hobart have given enthusiastic support to the process of educating their young. The city's five elementary schools provide a sound foundation in the basic studies from kindergarten through sixth grade. A large junior high school offers students an environment for transition and giving direction to talent. All schools have a first class commission from the Indiana Department of Public Instruction and Hobart Senior High School is accredited by the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges.

In addition to its public schools, Hobart has three private, parochial schools for the elementary grades, each giving students a broad curriculum. These are St. Bridget's Catholic School, Trinity Lutheran School, and Hobart

Baptist School. Calumet Regional Montessori School also has facilities in Hobart. For the very young the city has a total of six daycare and pre-school centers.

Forty-two percent of the more than 900 high school students at Hobart High go on to attend a four-year college or university, while another 13 percent enter post secondary education in one of the area's technical schools. The high school not only provides an excellent academic education, but also assists students whose goals are vocational. It conducts its own shop courses and, in cooperation with the Gary Career Center, junior and senior students may study for career employment in a wide range of technical fields, attending classes at the Career Center half days.

The high school's arts and music pro-

Top: Hobart Senior High School  
Left: Member of Hobart High's marching band





grams are highly regarded. Students are active in a concert band, jazz band, marching band, and in a girl's glee club and concert choir. These groups perform publicly about eight times each year. The Genesius Players, the school's theatrical group, gives from four to five performances annually, performing everything from light comedy to serious drama to musicals. One performance is

done especially for elementary school students and another is staged for senior citizens, without charge.

Hobart is a sports-minded city and the Brickies football team of the high school has a large and enthusiastic following. The team has rewarded fan loyalty three times in the past four years by placing in the state finals.

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Above: Track meet at Hobart's Junior High School  
Top left: Excellent facilities are available at Hobart High School Library

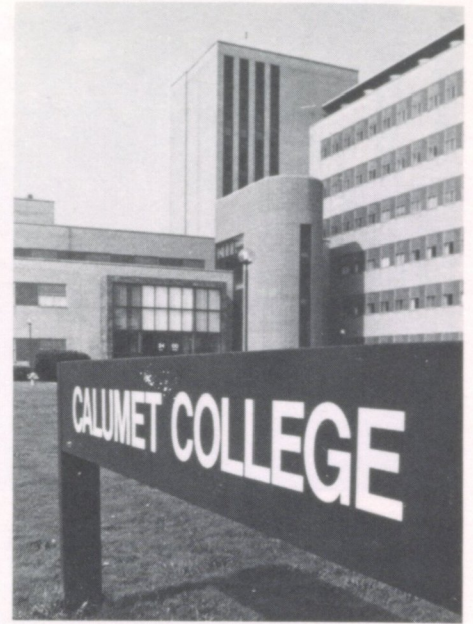


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Above: Calumet College in nearby Hammond  
Left: Purdue University Calumet in Hammond, Classroom-Office Building

## education continued

For girls, the school offers basketball, golf, gymnastics, swimming in its indoor pool, tennis, track and volleyball. For boys, there is baseball, basketball, football, golf, swimming, tennis, track and wrestling. In all, the school fields 16 teams of boys and girls in competitions with other schools.

An unusual feature is the school's activity program. Student clubs meet during the school day, rather than when classes have ended. They meet twice

each month and these numerous extracurricular activities enjoy a 62 percent involvement by students.

Graduates of Hobart Senior High School can continue their academic studies at excellent nearby colleges and universities. Indiana University Northwest, in Gary, is a four-year college and one of eight campuses in the Indiana University System. In neighboring Hammond are Calumet College and famed Purdue University's Calumet campus. A few miles to the south off I-65 is another world-renowned education center, Valparaiso University.

Those desiring education in a technical career can attend Indiana Vocational Technical College, in Gary, which has more than 3,000 students from the area and provides a wide range of studies leading to associate degrees and technical certificates.

The Hobart Adult Program for Self-Improvement opens a variety of classes to all tax-paying citizens of the community at nominal cost. It offers adult education in crafts, mechanics, woodworking, computers, aerobics and physical activity and other subjects for self-improvement.



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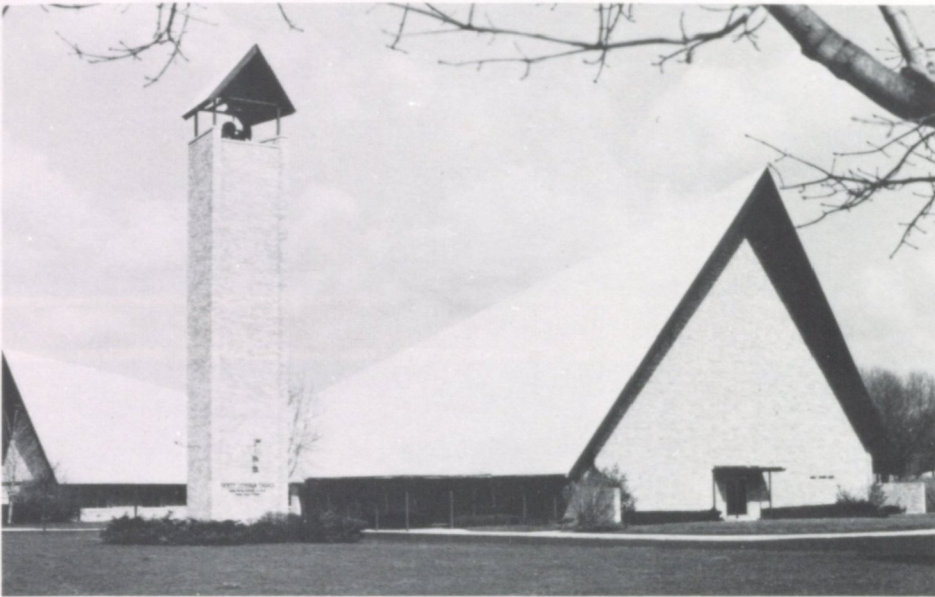
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THE ROOTS OF RELIGIOUS FAITH RUN DEEP INTO HOBART HISTORY.

## FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP



**A**s early as 1851, Sunday school was regularly held in homes and school buildings, as were church services. On this solid foundation of faith has been built the 22 congregations in Hobart, representing all major denominations. Church structures reflect a variety of architectural periods from the last quarter of the 19th century to the present.

Parishioners welcome newcomers to their community with good fellowship and work in numerous church-sponsored organizations for the betterment of the community.

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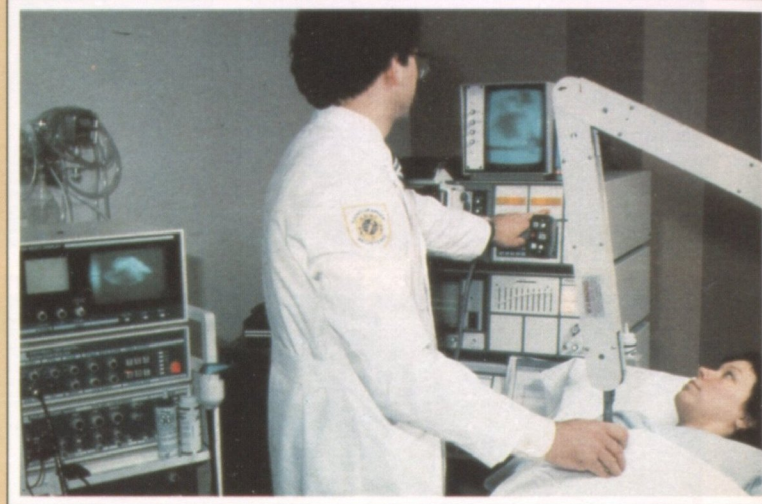
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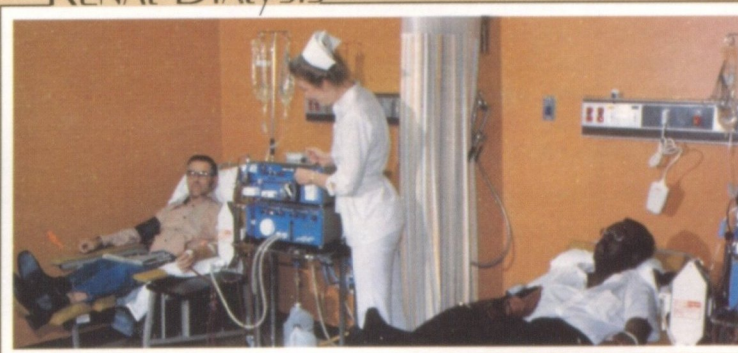
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**T**he people of Hobart are fortunate to have one of the newest and most modern hospitals in northwestern Indiana. St. Mary's Medical Center, sister hospital to St. Mary's Medical Center in nearby Gary, was completed in 1973 and substantially expanded in 1979. Both share a common management and are both operated by the Ancilla Domini Sisters, more commonly known as the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

The crisp looking five story hospital in Hobart is a short-term, acute-care general hospital. It offers round-the-clock emergency services; obstetrics; electrodiagnostics; radiology, including a CT scanner; nuclear medicine; surgery; intensive and coronary care; ultra-sound, physical, occupational, and speech therapy; and cardiac rehabilitation, a specialty.

The hospital has a wide ranging program of patient education. Included are diabetes education, ostomy instruction, stroke rehabilitation, cardiac recovery, alcoholism, cancer education and sharing groups, hypertension instruction, surgical patient instruction, stress management and dietary counseling.

Three administrative services make the hospital unique. These are a full-time patient representative to enhance patient comfort and satisfaction while in the hospital, a pastoral service not found in many hospitals, and a highly successful pain clinic for those afflicted with



chronic pain.

A medical arts building on the hospital grounds provides offices and facilities for several of the city's physicians and dentists. This ideal medical facility is augmented by two clinics, one of which provides emergency services, and a third clinic devoted to treating deficiencies in speech, hearing, and language.

The Caring Place in Hobart is operated by Southlake Center for Mental Health. It deals with family violence, providing temporary shelter, individual and

group counseling, family and marital counseling, and advocacy services. Miller's Merry Manor nursing home is a low, modern facility, highlighted by a pond and a flock of geese.

St. Anthony Medical Center, in nearby Crown Point, is a leader in the fields of cardiovascular medicine and cancer treatment. With 720 acute-care hospital beds and long-term-care nursing home beds, the center serves communities in Northwest Indiana. An entire patient floor is devoted to cardiac care, and a complete cardiac rehabilitation program is aimed at returning heart patients to an independently productive life.

The Cancer Treatment Center offers another entire floor for oncology patients and the most modern facilities for chemotherapy and other types of treatment. An important aspect of cancer treatment at the hospital is directed toward meeting the psychological and emotional needs of the patient and his family. Care and Sharing, an oncology support group, addresses these needs.

The medical center is equipped with some of the most advanced high-tech-



Above center: Open-heart surgery at St. Anthony Medical Center

Right: St. Mary's Medical Center, sister hospital to St. Mary's Medical Center in nearby Gary.





Left: Miller's Merry Manor nursing home

nology tools, including the linear accelerator, computerized tomography scanner (CT-scan), gamma scintillation camera, and ultrasound. Its Trauma Center offers telemetry communications and helicopter transport, complete pediatric services, respiratory therapy, hemodialysis, nuclear medicine, neurological services, physical therapy, outpa-

tient surgical capabilities, and complete laboratory and blood bank services.

St. Anthony Medical Center provides a variety of childbirth instruction courses, including "Love & Life", a program of counseling and instruction for the unwed teenage mother. Innovative birthing options, modern nursing concepts, and a comfortable atmosphere assure the

best possible environment for birth.

An integral part of the medical center complex is St. Anthony Home, a 220-bed nursing home offering residential, intermediate/comprehensive, and skilled nursing care. Holy Family Child Care Center, a 24-hour child care and educational center serving employees and the community at large is also included.



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# SHOPPING CONVENIENCE



DOWNTOWN  
HOBART REMAINS  
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LOCAL PRIDE.



**H**obart is a comfortable small city without traffic congestion and rush hours. Downtown Main Street and its adjoining blocks is still the primary shopping area. Here are some 130 retail outlets offering the widest possible variety of goods and services from new cars to a family portrait.

The shops downtown have the traditional friendliness and service found only in stores where the person who owns it waits on customers. From initial greeting to assistance in obtaining precisely what is wanted, even if it means direction to another store, warmth and

cordiality prevail.

The downtown area has financial institutions, restaurants, jewelry stores, a movie house, clothing stores with smart styles for men, women and children, gift shops, shoe stores and shoe repair, furniture stores, real estate agencies, hair salons and barbershops, City Hall, florists, appliance dealers, carpeting and floor covering outlets, and hardware stores. Something for everyone might well be the motto of downtown Hobart.

In addition to the goods and services available at the center of the city, Hobart has a large shopping center in its North-east corner. The center has 18 stores, including a large food store, a branch bank, restaurant and cocktail lounge, a

large furniture and appliance store and clothing stores. Other convenience shopping centers are spotted throughout the city. At one, a local bakery and delicatessen is a popular place for fresh baked goods or a quick and tasty luncheon.

On the lakeshore just across the Third Street bridge from the downtown business district is Hobart's most unique enterprise. Authentic Costumes designs, produces, rents and sells costumes of every conceivable description from

Top: Forget about your diets and enjoy Hobart's favorite bakery

Above left: Browsing in a downtown gift shop

Above right: Downtown Hobart





Santa Claus suits and leprechaun outfits to completely furred animal bodies and matching mummer heads. Authentic Costumes originated 16 years ago, growing out of the Gary Artists League costume ball. Since then, more than 5,000 different costumes have been created and are ready and waiting for the appropriate occasion.

At I-65 and Hwy. 30, only a couple miles south of Hobart, is Southlake Mall, a large, regional shopping center. A short distance further south are the numerous stores and center of Valparaiso.

But, for the most part, Hobart residents do their shopping at home. Downtown has been kept viable through local

pride and through the efforts of the Hobart Development Corporation which has systematically acquired and refurbished downtown commercial properties, or removed old structures to provide convenient parking.

And the lake is a spectacular backdrop for it all. Few are the communities where, after wandering through the stores, one can stroll down to a lakeshore and relax while watching a small sailboat cut through the water or toss popcorn to a flock of wild ducks which make the lake their season home.

Top: A cornucopia of delicious fruits and vegetables at Jansen's Market  
Above: Save More Plaza



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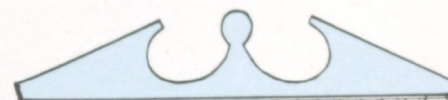
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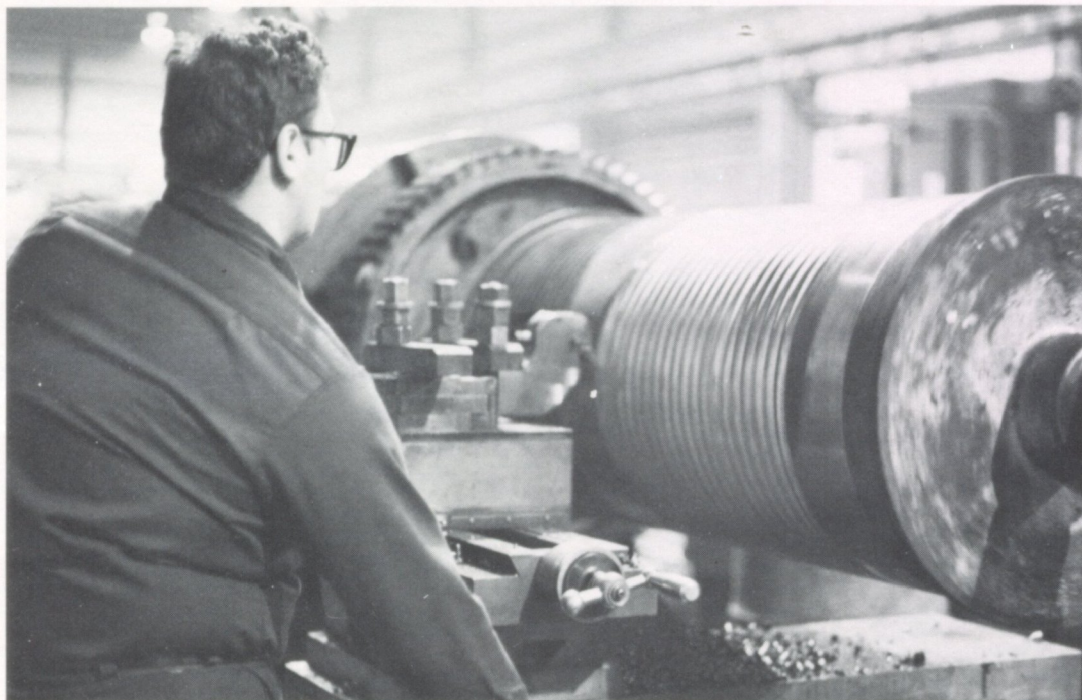
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# INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS



Once a resort community, then a bedroom town for people working elsewhere, Hobart is now a developing industrial city with a small, but growing roster of clean, light industry.

No single firm dominates. Instead, there is at present a good diversity of product manufacturing and service companies.

Midwest Products Co., Inc. is one of the largest and best-known manufacturing firms in Hobart. Its unusual products are sold internationally. Midwest Products is a prime source for packaged balsa wood and other specialty woods used by hobbyists and model makers. It produces an extensive line of kits for gas-powered, radio-controlled model airplanes. It makes miniature wood trim, flooring, siding and shingles for construction of doll houses and architectural models. It distributes amazingly detailed Chrysnbon kits for miniature doll house furnishings and accessories.

Another producer of small things is



Top: Westinghouse Maintenance Engineering  
Above: Coil-Tran Corporation, maker of various electronic products

Coil-Tran Corp., maker of wound coils for the electronics industry. In the firm's 40,000-sq. ft. plant are produced such electronic products as R. F. chokes, inverters, converters, electro-magnetic coils and horizontal output transformers. One line of high frequency power line chokes have circumferences smaller than a dime and are used in such applications as switching regulators, filters, speaker crossovers, S.C.R. controls, amplifiers and power supplies.

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Other industrial firms in Hobart include Creme Valley Poultry, which distributes frozen poultry products; Indiana Laminated Wall, maker of drywall; Afco Inc., producer of aluminum doors;

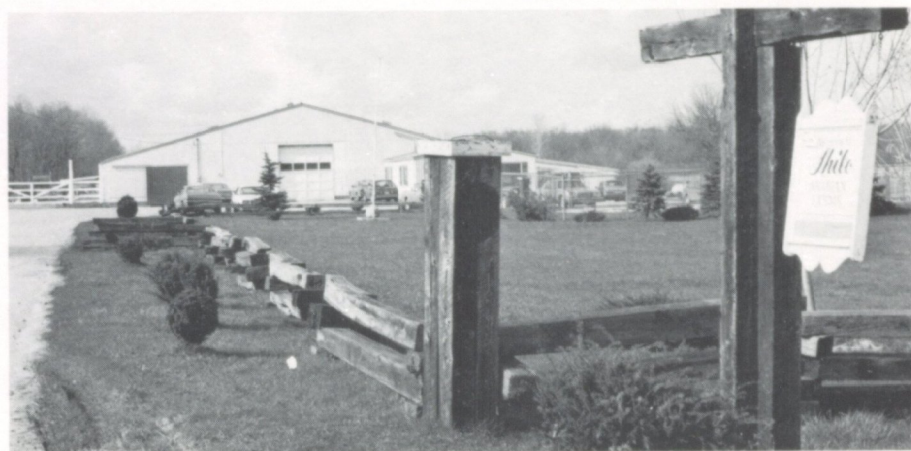


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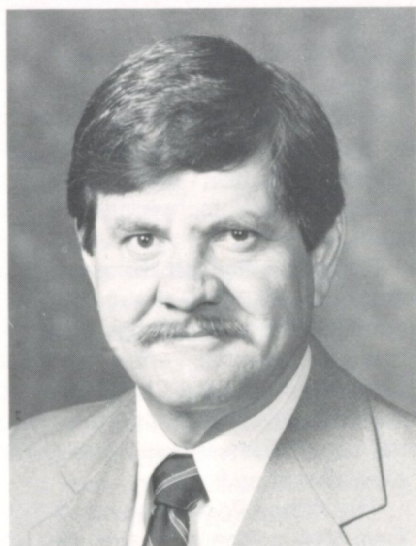
The city has two industrial park sites with more than 100 acres available for new plant construction. Interested industries can work with the Hobart Industrial and Commercial Foundation in arranging financing for plant construction.

The community is served with natural gas and electricity by Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO). Gary-Hobart Water Corp. provides the city with its drinking water needs and has a pumping capacity of 5,500,000 gallons per day. Telephone service is provided by General Telephone Company of Indiana.

The community's three banks and two saving and loan associations have combined assets in excess of \$1 billion.



Top right: Carpenter's Union Building  
Right: Shilo Arabian Horse Farm



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## HOBART'S FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFERS AWARD-WINNING PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

# GOOD GOVERNMENT



**H**obart is effectively and efficiently managed under a mayor-council form of government and is one of the Indiana Registered Cities and Towns. With the mayor as its executive head, a three-member Board of Public Works and a seven-member elected Common Council oversee an annual budget in excess of \$5 million.

The city's Police Department, headquartered in a crisply modern City Hall building on Main Street, has 30 sworn officers assisted by a civilian staff of nine. The department operates 10 squads, a cycle and a mobile crime prevention unit.

Hobart's Fire Department provides fire protection to the community from two station houses, one an ultra-modern red brick structure which also serves as the department's headquarters. The department operates a snorkle, a pumper-squirt, a pumper, a grass fire pumper, a fire prevention/investigation unit, rescue snowmobile, a fully-equipped rescue unit, and a rescue boat. Nine of its 35 regular and reserve firefighters are trained emergency medical technicians.

The Fire Department has an award-winning public education and service program which includes year around fire prevention in schools and businesses, fire extinguisher demonstrations at industries and hospitals, hypertension testing at the fire stations, talks and demonstrations in schools and for senior citizen groups, an annual door-to-door free residential inspection which covers



about 20 percent of Hobart's homes, and a Halloween through Christmas two-man fire prevention patrol of retail businesses to ward against code violations.

A recently inaugurated city ambulance service has replaced privately owned services, in accordance with state law. The Hobart Ambulance Service is

under the jurisdiction of the city's Board of Public Works, but is supervised by the Fire Chief. It is headquartered in a former gasoline station and has two state-certified vehicles. Twelve trained emergency medical technicians are on its staff.

Hobart is a city with 15 square miles of area and 93 miles of streets. The city administration cooperates with the Hobart Industrial and Commercial Foundation and the Chamber of Commerce in developing opportunities to attract new business and industry and to expand existing firms.

The Hobart Post Office handles more than 10.4 million pieces of mail annually. The community is served by its own weekly newspaper, the Hobart Gazette, first published in August of 1889, and by the newspapers published in Merrillville, Gary and Hammond. Several area radio stations cover the city and all major Chicago news, radio and television media are received in the community. Cable television will soon be available.

Top left: Hobart's Fire Department Headquarters  
Top right: Fire extinguisher demonstration for some of Hobart's citizens  
Center: City Hall





Clockwise from above: Fred Rose Park; The Park District plans many outdoor activities throughout the summer; A variety of challenging golf courses to choose from; Boating is a favorite activity; Residents enjoy winter sports as well

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ARE AT THEIR BEST IN HOBART.

## THINGS TO DO

Parklands are very much a part of the Hobart scene. there are a total of 143 acres of parks and the opportunities for recreation, family picnics, and communing with nature is at its best.

Among the most scenic parks in Hobart is Fred Rose Park, 20 acres of woodland on the shores of Lake George. The park has five lighted tennis courts, playground area and shelters. In Fred Rose Park, it is possible to feel miles away from civilization, even though the skyline of downtown Hobart is within view from the lakeshore.

Hillman Park has 17 acres and is the center for a major feature of the community's planned recreation program. Sixty men's and women's softball teams are fielded each summer on its two lighted ball diamonds. Hobart's softball program is one of the largest in northern Indiana. In addition to softball, the park has provisions for basketball play, a practice field, shelter, playground, horseshoe pits and concession stand. The Hobart Little League field is ad-

jacent to Hillman Park.

Another important recreational facility maintained by the Hobart Park District is John Robinson Park, in the southwest corner of the city. This 30-acre site has a clear water lake and beautiful sandy



swimming beach. A hiking trail follows the lakeshore and is popular with joggers and the high school marathoners. At the beach is a concession stand, shelter and playground area.

The Community Center, located on the Lake George shore in a small park area, is headquarters for the Park District. The facility has a large activities room and is the scene of a variety of indoor activities, including arts and crafts instruction. Each weekday the Senior Citizens Council provides a noontime luncheon for the elderly. The hot meal is provided without cost and attracts some 50 or more each day.

Seven other parks from less than an acre to more than six acres are situated throughout the city. Among them is Hobart Ball Park, where the high school baseball teams compete.

The Park District conducts a summer-time planned recreation program for youngsters at several of the city's parks. In the program are a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities, including badminton, volleyball, touch football, softball, soccer and wiffle ball. The program begins in early June after school is out and concludes at the end of August.

A few minutes south of Hobart is Deep

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## things to do continued

River County Park which attracts both residents and visitors to the area. Hiking trails course down from a bluff with shelters and picnic tables, along Deep River, and terminate at the completely restored John Wood's Grist Mill just off Highway 330. In winter, the first snow covering brings out cross country skiers who use three miles of groomed trails. There are also six miles of special trails for snowmobiles.

Deep River Park is the scene of concerts by the Northern Indiana Symphony, jazz and pops concerts, an old fashioned quilting bee, and art workshops. Arts and crafts are on display temporarily on the top floor of the old John Wood's Grist Mill building.

Five other county parks are close by Hobart, each offering wide ranging facilities of appeal to all residents.

The Hobart Family YMCA is a popular facility in the community for year around recreation and family fun. Its modern complex contains an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, locker rooms for men and women, and several meeting rooms. It offers a complete series of aquatic and gymnastic programs for all ages, plus such activities as aerobic dance, golf instruction, pre-natal and post-natal exercise, tumbling, weight-lifting, and instruction in arts and crafts. It also offers a comprehensive pre-school program.

Another popular spot for family enter-

tainment is the Family Skating Center, a huge roller rink with an ultra-smooth marble floor, snack bar and video game room. In the downtown area is McGee's Health Club with complete facilities for physical fitness buffs.

Golf enthusiasts find ample challenge at several public, semi-private and private country clubs in the Hobart vicinity. Two semi-private 18-hole golf courses are in town, Cressmoor Country Club on the north and Indian Ridge Country Club on the south. Both feature pro-shops and dining facilities. Turkey Creek Golf Course is operated by Lake County and provides challenging golf on 18 holes for a nominal green fee.

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## RICHNESS OF NATURE

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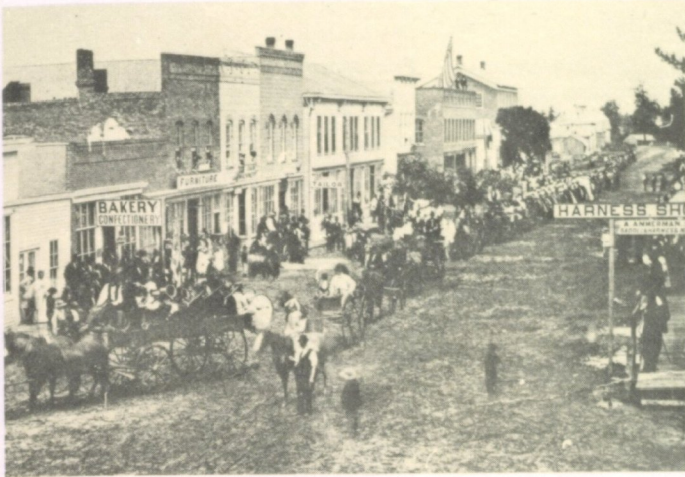
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## HOBART RESIDENTS OBSERVE JULY FOURTH WITH A SIX-DAY CELEBRATION.

# ENTERTAINMENT & CULTURE

For many, summertime is the Fourth of July. For Hobart residents, the Fourth of July is truly something special. It's been that way since long before the turn of the century. Hobart celebrates the Fourth of July by combining carnival, parade, open air beer garden, snack bars, contests, band concerts, softball games, pig roast, sidewalk sales, canoe races and other events, into a single, six-day-long observance that attracts people from throughout the area. The mammoth celebration concludes with a gigantic fireworks display staged in Brickie Bowl, home of the high school football team.

Five minutes south of Hobart, at the junction of I-65 and U.S. 30 is the nationally-known Holiday Star Theatre, a 3,300-seat edifice with completely unobstructed views. Hobart residents go there to see top entertainers, lavish musical presentations and intriguing dramas. Another highlight of the area are concerts by the Northwest Indiana Symphony. The orchestra, composed of local area musi-

cians, has been performing for more than 40 years. Hobart's convenient proximity to Valparaiso and to Chicago make their entertainment and cultural events easily accessible to residents, as well.

However, the community enjoys the special performances by home-grown talent. A favorite of all is the Rusty Pipes

concerts, and vocal presentations of high school student groups are always popular, as are performances by the Genesis Players of the high school.

Hobart's starkly modern public library is yet another focal point of culture in the community, with its more than 40,000 volumes. The library is a branch of the Lake County Public Library. Its main library building is a few minutes south of U.S. 30.

The Hobart Historical Society, Inc., in 1968 purchased the Hobart Public Library building - a Carnegie Grant Library built in 1915, and has converted it into a historical museum, specializing in local history. Its extensive historical research library is widely used.

For a night of fine dining, residents can stay close to home, enjoying generous

tasty portions at the Country Lounge on Ridge Road, or in the rustic charm of the Mortar Joynt on Old Ridge Road, across the street from the Chamber of Commerce offices. Also in the immediate vicinity of Hobart are restaurants that have received national acclaim for their superior cuisine.



band, a group of music makers who once performed with the senior high school band. Playing for pure fun, these instrumentalists perform in parades and give periodic concerts.

In addition, the band concerts, jazz

Top: Fourth of July Parade 1876 and 1982  
Center: Hobart branch Lake County Library



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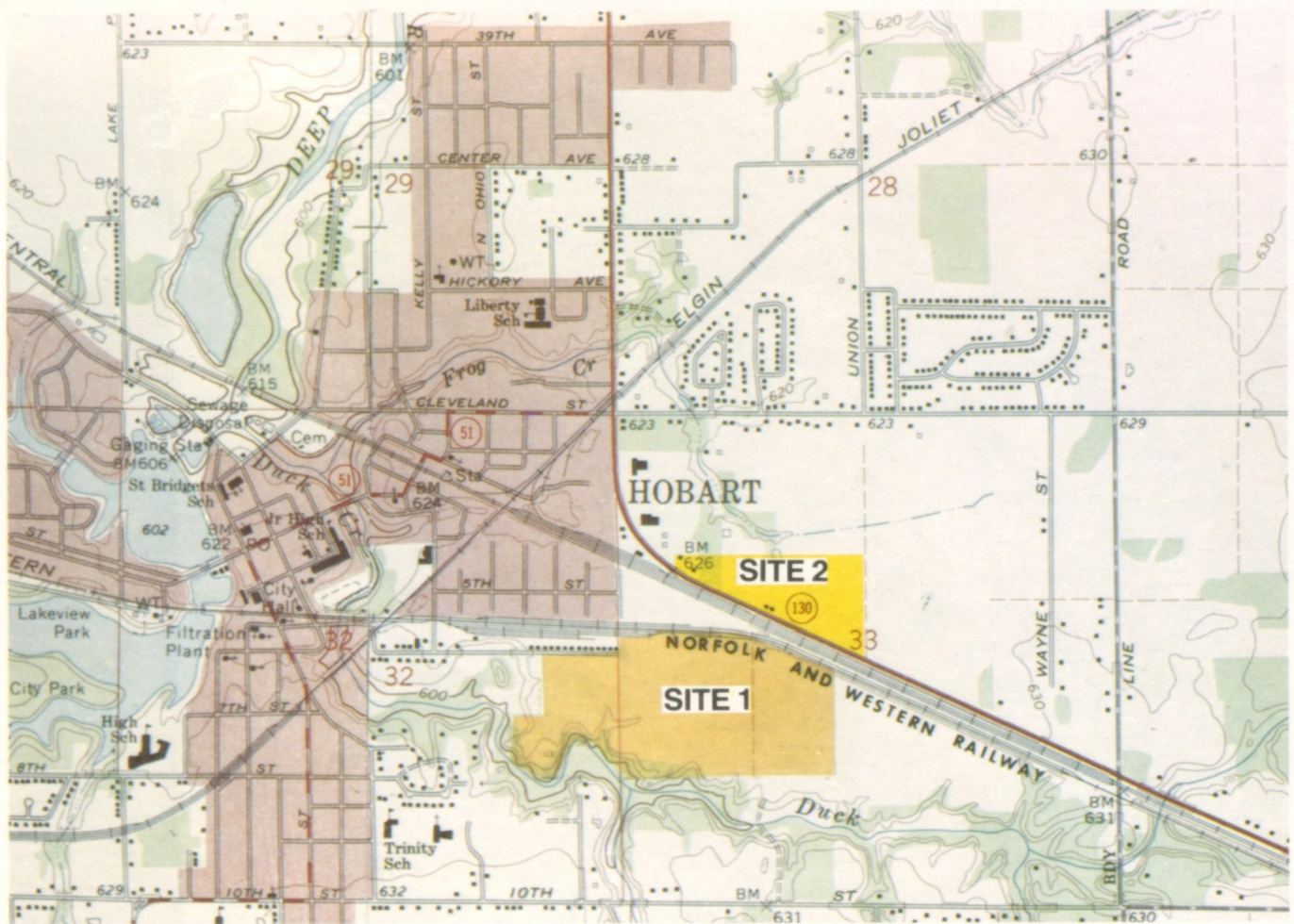
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